

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4-21, 24-42 are now pending in the application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

CLAIM OBJECTION

Claim 42 stands objected to for certain informalities. Applicant has amended Claim 42 according to the Examiner's suggestions. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection are respectfully requested.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-2, 4, 6-22, 24 and 26-42 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Peterson et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,922,466). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent Claims 1 and 21 have been amended to include the limitations of Claims 3 and 23, respectively, which have been indicated as allowable. Independent Claims 1 and 21 are therefore believed to be in a condition for allowance.

Claims 2, 4, 6-20, and 24-42 depend either directly or indirectly from Claims 1 and 21 and are believed to be in a condition for allowance for at least the same reasons as Claims 1 and 21.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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